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Election dated July 19, 2005

In Reply of Election/Restriction dated July 11, 2005

REMARKS

The Election/Restriction dated July 11, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

In view of the foregoing election, amendments, and following representations, reconsideration and examination are respectfully requested.

Examiner Prone is thanked for the courtesies extended undersigned counsel during the telephone interview of June 20, 2005.

During that interview Applicant noted that the Examiner's Election Requirement was inconsistent with regard to the designation of Species 6 and Species 7. Species 6 apparently should have read wherein --there is no-- spacer and the Species was as shown in Figs. 5, 8, and 11; and Species 7 apparently should have read wherein --there is a spacer-- interposed between the large and small bladder as shown in Figs. 6, 9, and 12.

Applicant's representative requested that the Patent Examiner restart the period for reply in order to correct the internally inconsistent position. The Examiner indicated that during the telephone call of Monday, June 20, 2005 that such was considered appropriate, and Applicant's representative agreed to

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wait to proceed to continue prosecution to avoid confusion.

As to the Election with the restarted time period, please note the following.-

Applicant hereby elects Species 1 and Species 6 corresponding to claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9, without traverse.

The Examiner is correct that different Species are present in the application and, that, indeed such may be considered patentably distinct. However, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be an undue burden for the Patent Examiner to search the various Species at the same time, and the Patent Examiner is requested to withdraw the Election Requirement and examine all the claims.

Should the Examiner maintain the Election Requirement, the Examiner is requested to search the generic claim 1 along with Species claims 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9 corresponding to Applicant's Figs. 5, 8, and 11, along with 3.

As to the Patent Examiner noting that "no claims are considered generic" on page 2 of the Office Action, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 so that it is now clearly a generic claim.

Claims 4 and 7 have been amended to be dependent claims

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depending directly on independent claim 1.

No claims have been cancelled.

The application is submitted to be in condition for examination an early action to that and is requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending.

Claims 2, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 12 are withdrawn.

It is believed that no fee is due. Should that determination be incorrect, the Patent Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 19-2105 and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should any outstanding formal matters or other issues remain, the Examiner is hereby requested to telephone Terrence Brown at 703-684-5600 to resolve such.

Respectfully submitted,

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